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A. NORWAY IS OF VITAL STRATEGIC INTEREST TO THE U.S. BECAUSE
IT IS ADJACENT TO THE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT SOVIET AIR/NAVAL BASE
COMPLEXES ON THE KOLA PENINSULA. NORWAY'S LOCATION CAN
PROVIDE BASES FROM WHICH TO OBSERVE AND INTERDICT THE SEA
AND AIR ROUTES USED BY SOVIET FORCES TRANSITING TO AND FROM
THE NORTH SEA, BALTIC, THE ICELAND/UK/FAEROES GAP AND THE
ATLANTIC. ITS NORTH SEA OIL FIELDS, A MIXED BLESSING, PROVIDE
A POTENTIAL ALTERNATE PEACETIME SOURCE OF OIL FOR WESTERN
EUROPE. AT THE SAME TIME THE OIL WILL APPEAL TO SOVIET NEEDS
IN THE FUTURE. FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF NORWEGIAN OIL WILL
ONLY ENHANCE SOVIET PRESSURE IN THE NORTH. RECENT SOVIET
PRESSURE ON NORWAY REGARDING SVALBARD IS INDICATIVE OF
THIS NEW FOCUS ON NORTHERN NORWAY.

LIMITED FORCE LEVELS IN NORWAY PRECLUDE SERIOUS
OPPOSITION TO A SOVIET INCURSION WITHOUT CONSIDERABLE

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SUPPORT FROM U.S. AIR, GROUND AND NAVAL FORCES. THE
USSR CONTINUES TO DEVELOP ITS FORCES IN THE NORTHERN
AREA, PARTICULARLY THE SOVIET
NORTHERN FLEET.

IN THIS REGARD, U.S. BILATERAL AGREEMENTS WITH GON FOR
CO-LOCATED OPERATING BASES (COB'S), LINES OF

COMMUNICATIONS (LOC), PRE-STOCKAGE OF WAR READINESS MATERIAL AS WELL AS OTHER U. S. FORCE COMMITMENTS DURING WARTIME ARE CRITICAL TO FORCE BALANCE AND OVER-ALL SECURITY OF THE NORTHERN FLANK. OUR HISTORIC MILITARY RELATIONSHIP WITH NORWAY, BEGINNING WITH GRANT AID AND CONTINUING UNDER CURRENT FMS CREATES IN INTERDEPENDENCY THAT ALMOST TRANSCENDS OUR JOINT MEMBERSHIP IN NATO. THE PROGRAM HAS DEVELOPED INTO A SECURITY ASSISTANCE RELATIONSHIP DESIGNED TO ASSIST NORWAY IN THE MAINTENANCE AND FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF AN ADEQUATE ALLIANCE SECURITY POSTURE. THE ACQUISITION BY NORWAY OF COMMON, MORE MODERN WEAPONS, EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING THROUGH FMS AND COMMERCIAL SALES IS ENHANCED BY NORWEGIAN WILLINGNESS TO PROVIDE BASES, PORT FACILITIES, PRE-STOCKAGE SUPPORT AS WELL AS OTHER LOGISTICAL/ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANCE TO DEPLOYING U.S. FORCES.

B. THE NORWEGIAN ARMED FORCES ARE DESIGNED TO FIGHT WITHIN NORWAY. WHILE THEIR EQUIPMENT AND LOGISTIC SERVICES ARE SIMILAR TO OTHER NATO NATIONS, THEIR BACKING DEPENDS ON THE TOTAL DEFENSE CONCEPT IN WHICH THE ENTIRE COUNTRY TAKES PART, WITH CONTROL AND COORDINATION OF BOTH MILITARY AND NON-MILITARY PLANNING UNDER CHOD NORWAY TO INSURE THEY BOTH CONTRIBUTE TO THE TOTAL DEFENSE EFFORT.

(1) THE RECENT CREATION OF A NORWEGIAN COAST GUARD,
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WHICH IS CURRENTLY SEPARATE FROM THE OVER-ALL DEFENSE BUDGET, WILL IN THE LONG RUN, BE CONSIDERED PART OF THE TOTAL DEFENSE CONCEPT. TO PERFORM THE COAST GUARD FUNCTION, NORWAY IS PLANNING FOR PURCHASE OF 6 LAMPS TYPE HELICOPTERS IN 1979, AND 2 ADDITIONAL P-3B AIRCRAFT, WITH MODIFIED NAVIGATION AND FLIR SYSTEMS, BOTH FUNDED UNDER FMS. LOA'S ARE PENDING FOR COAST GUARD PURCHASES. RECENT EXPANSION OF NORWEGIAN TERRITORIAL WATERS AND THE CONTINUING QUESTION OF SVALBARD AND THE BARENTS SEA ACCESS PROBLEM WITH THE SOVIETS ALL SERVED TO PROMOTE FUNDING OF A NORWEGIAN COAST GUARD, CERTAINLY A FURTHERING OF U.S. INTERESTS IN THIS SPECIAL AREA.

(2) THE ROYAL NORWEGIAN AIR FORCE WILL RECEIVE ITS FIRST F-16 AIRCRAFT IN FY-79, ANTICIPATING RECEIVING 9 DURING THAT PERIOD. THIS BUY, WHICH IS COMPATABLE WITH USAF PLANS FOR THE FUTURE WILL ENHANCE INTER-OPERABILITY BETWEEN THE TWO AIR FORCES, PARTICULARLY AS USAF F-16'S WILL BE PROGRAMED TO DEPLOY TO RNOAF AIRFIELDS. LOA'S HAVE BEEN SIGNED FOR THE F-16. LOA'S HAVE BEEN PENDING ON GON PURCHASE OF THE U.S. BUILT ROLAND AND THE AIM 9-L. PRESENT PLANS CALL FOR

PURCHASE OF 40 FIRING UNITS OF ROLAND WITH DELIVERY PROGRAMED TO BEGIN IN LATE FY-79. PURCHASE OF THE ROLAND, HOWEVER, IS QUESTIONABLE, OTHER SYSTEMS SUCH AS THE ASMD, FIVE INCH ROLING AIR FRAME MAY BE SELECTED INSTEAD. AIM 9-L PURCHASE HINGES UPON OT&E RESULTS, BUT FUNDS ARE PROGRAMED FOR FY-79. THE LOA COULD BE SIGNED IN FY-79 OR EARLIER DEPENDING ON TEST RESULTS. A TOTAL PURCHASE OF 800 MISSILES IS PLANNED OVER A THREE YEAR PERIOD BEGINNING IN FY-79. AGAIN, THE COMPATIBILITY BETWEEN AIR FORCES ON SELECTION OF THE AIM 9-L PROVIDES A DESIREABLE ASPECT TO THIS FMS PURCHASE.

(3) STILL IN CONTENTION IS THE ANTICIPATED PURCHASE OF THE MAVERICK MISSILE. VERY LIKELY AN LOA WILL BE
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SIGNED IN LATE FY-78 OR EARLY FY-79 WITH A POSSIBLE PURCHASE OF 500 MISSILES. THIS PURCHASE, HOWEVER, HINGES UPON FUTURE TESTING OF THE MAVERICK MISSILE, DESIGN, TEST AND EVALUATION OF THE PENGUIN III (A NORWEGIAN MISSILE) AND UPON COMPETITION FOR THE U. S. PRODUCED HARPOON MISSILE.

(4) THE ONLY MAJOR FMS PURCHASE BY THE NORWEGIAN ARMY PROJECTED DURING THIS TIME FRAME IS THE RENEWAL OF ON-GOING SUPPLY SUPPORT AGREEMENTS AND TH CLOSING PHASES OF TOW MISSILE CASES ALREADY IN EXISTENCE. OTHER ARMY BUYS HAVE BEEN POSTPONED TO THE CY 81-84 PERIOD DUE TO CURRENT F-16 EXPENDITURES.

(5) THERE ARE NO COMMERCIAL DELIVERIES OF U.S. MATERIEL OR TRAINING PROGRAMMED FOR NORWAY DURING FY-79.
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